

The House Committee on Regulated Industries offers the following substitute to HB 207:

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED
AN ACT

1 To amend Code Section 43-14-2 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to
2 definitions relative to electrical contractors, plumbers, conditioned air contractors,
3 low-voltage contractors, and utility contractors, so as to revise a definition; to provide an
4 exception to plumbing licensure requirements; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other
5 purposes.

6 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF GEORGIA:

7 **SECTION 1.**

8 Code Section 43-14-2 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to definitions
9 relative to electrical contractors, plumbers, conditioned air contractors, low-voltage
10 contractors, and utility contractors, is amended by striking paragraph (12) and inserting in
11 lieu thereof the following:

12 "(12) 'Plumbing' means the practice of installing, maintaining, altering, or repairing
13 piping fixtures, appliances, and appurtenances in connection with sanitary drainage or
14 storm drainage facilities, venting systems, medical gas piping systems, natural gas piping
15 systems on the outlet side of gas meters, or public or private water supply systems within
16 or adjacent to any building, structure, or conveyance; provided, however, that after July
17 1, 1997, only master plumbers and journeyman plumbers who have been certified by the
18 Division of Master Plumbers and Journeyman Plumbers to perform such tasks shall be
19 authorized to install, maintain, alter, or repair medical gas piping systems. The term
20 'plumbing' also includes the practice of and materials used in installing, maintaining,
21 extending, or altering the natural gas, storm-water, sewerage, and water supply systems
22 of any premises to their connection with any point of public disposal or other acceptable
23 terminal; provided, however, that the term 'plumbing' shall not include the installation,
24 service, or repair of on-site waste-water management systems; provided, further, that
25 licensure under this chapter shall not be required for a contractor certified by the
26 Department of Human Resources to make the connection to any on-site waste-water

1 management system from the stub out exiting the structure to an on-site waste-water
2 management system. Notwithstanding any other provision of this chapter, any person
3 who holds a valid master plumbing license or any company which holds a valid utility
4 contractor license shall be qualified to construct, alter, or repair any plumbing system
5 which extends from the property line up to but not within five feet of any building,
6 structure, or conveyance, regardless of the cost or depth of any such plumbing system."

7 **SECTION 2.**

8 All laws and parts of laws in conflict with this Act are repealed.